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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the September 5, 1997 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Office Action is due December 5, 1997. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.